

**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act directs the Secretary of the Treasury to disburse a onetime payment of \$250 to adults who were eligible for:**

- Social Security benefits
- Railroad Retirement benefits
- Veteran's compensation or pension benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits (excluding individuals who receive SSI while in a Medicaid institution)

### **Eligibility:**

- Only individuals who were eligible for one of the four programs for any of the three months prior to enactment are eligible
- The individual must have a US address
- Regardless of the number of categories the individual meets, they are only eligible for one payment
- Individuals will not receive a payment if their federal program benefits have been suspended because they are in prison, a fugitive, a probation or parole violator, have committed fraud, or are no longer lawfully present in the US

### **Disbursement:**

- Directs the Commissioner of Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Board, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the Secretary of the Treasury with information and data to send the payments to eligible individuals and to disburse the payments
- The Secretary of the Treasury shall commence making payments as soon as possible, but no later than 120 days after the date of enactment
- No Economic Recovery Payments shall be made after December 31, 2010

### **Effect of Payment:**

- Payments shall not be taken into account as income, or taken into account as resources for the month of receipt and the following 9 months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance under any Federal,

State, or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds

- The provision provides that Economic Recovery Payments shall not be considered gross income for income tax purposes